

PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 101.0050-00000  
Customer No. 22882

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Gary K. Michelson, M.D. )  
Serial No.: 08/484,928 )  
Filed: June 7, 1995 )  
For: FRUSTO-CONICAL INTERBODY )  
SPINAL FUSION IMPLANT )

FAXED COPY RECEIVED  
JAN 07 2003  
Group Art Unit: 3731 TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3700  
Examiner: D. Reip

ENTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

Prior to the further examination of the above-identified application, the following amendments and remarks are submitted.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 200, 229, 230, 234, 253, 254, 273, 274, 278, 294, 311, 312, 321, and 322 without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter and amend the remaining claims (with the changes as shown in the attachment) to read as follows:

173. A non-threaded interbody spinal fusion implant for insertion across the height of a disc space between adjacent vertebral bodies of a human spine, the implant comprising:  
a body having a mid-longitudinal axis, an insertion end, a trailing end, a length between said ends, an upper portion adapted to be oriented toward one of the adjacent vertebral bodies, a lower portion adapted to be oriented toward the